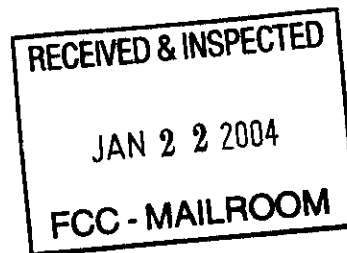


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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D C 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentations:
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms Dortch:

On January 13, 2004, Mr. Charles W. Blackwell and Mr. Mitchell L. Brown, of Native Affairs & Development Group, met with Commissioner Adelstein and Ms. Lisa Zaina, Senior Legal Advisor to the Commissioner, on behalf of the federally recognized tribal governments. The purpose was to discuss the pending Federal-State Universal Service Joint Board proceeding and gain insight into the calendar schedule for consideration of the matter in view of the broad general concerns of American Indian tribal governments on behalf of the tribal citizens in their communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitchell L. Brown

Enclosures

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